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MEMORANDUM

To: The Honorable Bill Lee, Governor
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The Honorable Cameron Sexton, Speaker of the House
Honorable Members of the Tennessee General Assembly

From: Lisa Piercey, MD, MBA, FAAP
Commissioner, Tennessee Department of Health

Date: February 8, 2021

RE: Annual Report for Home Visiting Programs

As required by Tennessee Code Annotated 68-1-125, 37-3-703 and 68-1-2408 the **Tennessee Department of Health Annual Report – Home Visiting Programs** for July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2020 is hereby submitted. The report provides an overview of the status of efforts to identify, implement and expand the number of Evidence-based Home Visiting (EBHV) programs and research-based programs throughout Tennessee. The report also includes process and outcome measures used to evaluate the quality of home visiting services offered to participating families such as the number of families served, the types of services provided, and the estimated rate of success in meeting specific goals and objectives.

A total of 2,914 children and their families received home visiting services from July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2020 through evidence-based or research-based home visiting programs (this figure includes EBHV and CHAD). Each program has different service delivery models and enrollment criteria that are designed to result in different outcomes for participants. Each family is enrolled in the program best suited to their needs. Community Health Access and Navigation in Tennessee (CHANT) provides in-home or remotely accessed care coordination and referral to community services to benefit the family. Child Health and Development Program (CHAD) families are those referred to CHANT from DCS. EBHV provides in-home visitation for a substantial length of time (one to five years) to families identified as highest risk. **Impacts include improvements in maternal and newborn health, school readiness, decreased domestic violence and decreased child abuse and neglect.**

The Department of Health is grateful that in state fiscal year 2019 the Governor and General Assembly restored Evidence Based Home Visiting state funding to the previous funding level of \$3.4 million and designating this funding as recurring. Positive results from home-visiting are especially beneficial to families facing challenges of substance dependence, maternal depression or limited social or financial support. With this increase, TDH has been able to strengthen the scope and quality of home visiting services available to Tennessee children and families, supporting increased work to mitigate and prevent Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACES).

This report will also be made available via the Internet at <http://www.tn.gov/health/article/home-visitation-reports>.



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FROM: Richard Kennedy, Executive Director

DATE: February 8, 2021

RE: Annual Report for Home Visiting Programs

As required by Tennessee Code Annotated 68-1-125, 37-3-703 and 68-1-2408, the Tennessee Commission on Children and Youth (TCCY) has consulted with the Tennessee Department of Health in the submission of this Tennessee Department of Health Annual Report – Home Visiting Programs for July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2020.

TCCY is a strong supporter of quality home visiting programs as critical infrastructure for improving outcomes for children and families. The primary recipients of home visiting programs in Tennessee are high-risk families, especially families in poverty and with high levels of stress that place children at risk of abuse or neglect and developmental deficits. These programs have become even more important with the impact of COVID-19 on children and families. Evidence-based home visiting should be an integral part of strategic efforts to improve outcomes for Tennessee's youngest children. Evidence-based home visiting aligns with the strategic goals of Building Strong Brains Tennessee and is one of the most fundamental strategies for effective state efforts to prevent when possible and ameliorate the impact of adverse childhood experiences (ACEs) when they cannot be prevented.

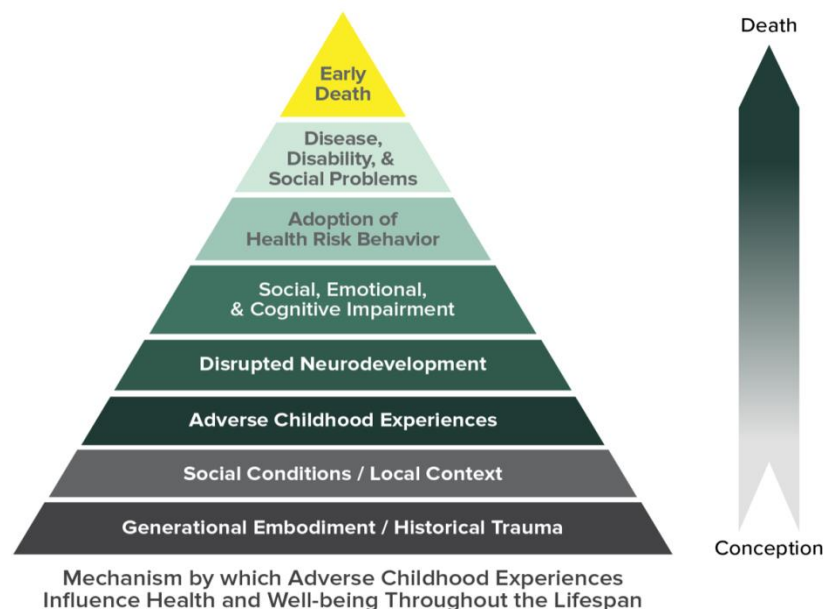
Brain development research makes clear the value of investing in young children. For every \$1 invested in evidence-based home visiting, there is a return on investment of \$1.80 - \$5.70 (according to the 2017 National Home Visiting Yearbook from the National Home Visiting Resource Center). TCCY applauds the Governor and the General Assembly for the expansion and continued support of evidence-based home visiting in recent years. TCCY also encourages and supports continued efforts to partner with other state agencies to leverage multiple funding streams to sustain and expand quality home visiting services in Tennessee.

The information in this report documents the improved outcomes for children receiving home visiting services and the cost effectiveness of these programs relative to the cost of state custody for children who experience abuse or neglect. The Department of Health continues to make significant strides in quality home visiting that should be applauded, supported and expanded.

Executive Summary

To conserve health and vitality for the future of Tennessee, investments must be made in infancy and early childhood. Early experiences affect the development of brain architecture, which provides the foundation for all future learning, behavior, and health. Just as a weak foundation compromises the quality and strength of a house, adverse experiences early in life can impair brain architecture, with negative effects lasting into adulthood. (Figure 1) The CDC-Kaiser Permanente Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) study found the greater the exposure to severe stressors such as domestic violence, addiction, and depression in early childhood, the greater the risk for problems later in life such as higher risk for chronic illnesses, poverty, depression and addictive behaviors (Building Strong Brains Tennessee Public and Private Sector Partners, <https://www.tn.gov/tccy/ace/tccy-ace-building-strong-brains.html>).

Figure 1: Lifetime Impact of Adverse Childhood Experiences



(<https://www.cdc.gov/violenceprevention/childabuseandneglect/acestudy/about.html>)

According to Tennessee's annual Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System, over half of adult Tennesseans consistently report at least one ACE, and about 25% had experienced three or more. This is similar to national data. The National Conference of State Legislatures in an August 2018 report indicate "from 2011 to 2014 over half of all U.S. adults (62%) from 23 states (including Tennessee) reported having at least one adverse childhood experience and 25% of adults reported three or more." A February 2019 data analysis by the Sycamore Institute found ACEs cost the state about \$5.2 billion in 2017 from direct medical cost and productivity losses. http://www.ncsl.org/Portals/1/HTML_LargeReports/ACEs_Access_HTML_2.htm <https://www.sycamoreinstitutetn.org/economic-cost-adverse-childhood-experiences/>

Evidence Based Home Visiting (EBHV) is a key service known to prevent and mitigate the impact of ACEs. It is an upstream intervention to minimize and diminish the long term impacts of ACEs. Quality EBHV leads to fewer children in social welfare, mental health, and juvenile corrections systems, with considerable cost savings for states. Research shows home visiting can be an

effective method of delivering family support and child development services (<https://www.zerotothree.org/resources/144-the-research-case-for-home-visiting>).

EBHV both provides immediate support and improves long-term outcomes for children and families. It is a relationship-based system that promotes positive parent-child relationships in a manner that is culturally competent, strengths-based, and family-centered. Elements included in services are routine screening for child development, education to caregivers to prevent child maltreatment and abuse, maternal depression screening, tobacco cessation resources and support, school readiness, and Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACES) mitigation. ([https://homvee.acf.hhs.gov/implementation/Healthy%20Families%20America%20\(HFA\)@/Model%20Overview](https://homvee.acf.hhs.gov/implementation/Healthy%20Families%20America%20(HFA)@/Model%20Overview))

EBHV is inherently a two-generation program, as both the parent/caregiver and infant/child benefit from the positive outcomes resulting from EBHV. Research demonstrates that young children of families enrolled in EBHV show improvements in health and development outcomes and increased school readiness.

Additional outcomes of EBHV programs include:

- Improved family functioning and parenting skills
- Linking families with appropriate social service agencies
- Promotion of early learning
- Help for new parents in providing safe, nurturing environments for their children and becoming more self-sufficient

A summary of SFY2020 home visiting accomplishments include:

- Ongoing implementation of EBHV services to counties identified as the most at-risk.
- Completed a comprehensive statewide needs assessment as required by Section 50603 of the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2018 (Pub. L. 115-123) to provide an updated understanding of the evidence-based home visiting system in Tennessee.
- Adaptation of services to support families and staff safely through the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Oversight of the infant and early childhood workforce development infrastructure licensed to administer Infant Mental Health Endorsement® in Tennessee, to further strengthen and standardize the vocation and professionalism of infant and early childhood service providers.
- Implementation of the CHANT model of care coordination. CHANT (Community Health Access and Navigation in Tennessee) has combined CHAD (Child Health and Development) Program, Help Us Grow Successfully (HUGS), Children's Special Services (CSS) and TennCare Kids Community Outreach into one service framework to streamline TDH service delivery to families.
- Implementation of Continuous Quality Improvement (CQI) plans by each EBHV implementing agency to further ensure the success and quality of services delivered.
- Collaboration with the Association of Infant Mental Health in Tennessee (AIMHiTN) to provide a standardized level of Reflective Supervision (a required tenant of each EBHV model) to program managers and supervisors of EBHV services at implementing agencies to decrease secondary trauma and staff turnover among home visiting staff.
- The Welcome Baby booklet was mailed to 53,474 parents/caregivers in SFY2020. Welcome Baby is a universal outreach in Tennessee to first-time parents and caregivers of newborns. The booklet includes information on infant and early childhood health and

development, milestones, immunizations, safe sleep and the home environment to educate parents and caregivers on how to provide the best start for their baby.

- EBHV local implementing agency (LIA) staff training plans were used in conjunction with performance measurement data to develop a targeted EBHV statewide training plan to more specifically meet program needs and equip staff to better serve families.
- Plans were made for the second annual Home Visiting Summit; however, in person trainings and conferences scheduled for 2020 were cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Trainings were alternatively offered online when appropriate, including Certified Lactation Counselor certification and Suicide Prevention training.
- EBHV and CHANT collaboration on monthly webinars led by TDH subject matter experts on various topics, including grief and loss. Monthly workforce development calls continue to provide training and professional development support to EBHV and CHANT programs.
- Continued collaboration with state-level partners, including Education, Mental Health and Substance Abuse, Children's Services, and Human Services to promote information sharing and partnership around common goals impacting infants, children, and families.

The single most common factor for children and teens that develop the capacity to overcome serious hardship is having at least one stable and committed relationship with a supportive parent, caregiver, or other adult. These relationships provide the personalized responsiveness and protection that buffer children from developmental disruption and model the capabilities—such as the ability to plan, monitor, adjust, and regulate behavior—that enable individuals to respond adaptively to adversity and thrive. This combination of supportive relationships, adaptive skill-building and positive experiences interacts with genetic predispositions to form the foundation of resilience.

While responsive relationships in childhood help build a lifelong foundation for resilience, they continue to be important throughout our lives. They help adults deal with stress, support self-regulation, and promote a positive outlook for the future. By contrast, the social isolation experienced by many parents living in poverty or dealing with mental health or substance abuse problems can trigger a range of negative side effects.

[\(https://developingchild.harvard.edu/resources/three-early-childhood-development-principles-improve-child-family-outcomes/\)](https://developingchild.harvard.edu/resources/three-early-childhood-development-principles-improve-child-family-outcomes/)

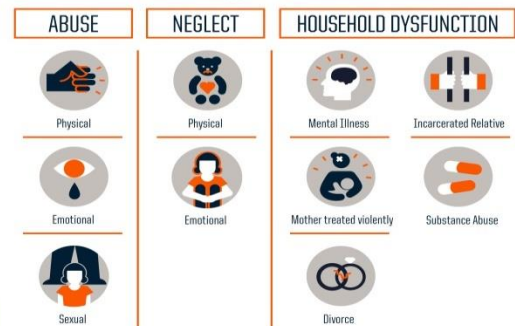
-The Harvard University Center for the Developing Child

THE TRUTH ABOUT ACEs

WHAT ARE THEY?

ACEs are
ADVERSE
CHILDHOOD
EXPERIENCES

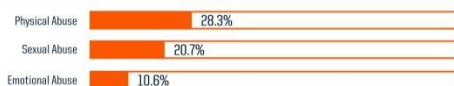
The three types of ACEs include



HOW PREVALENT ARE ACEs?

The ACE study* revealed the following estimates:

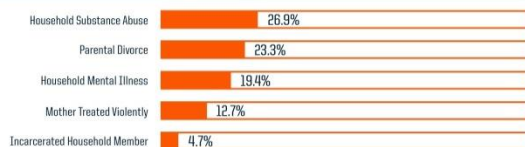
ABUSE



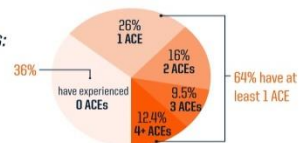
NEGLECT



HOUSEHOLD DYSFUNCTION



Of 17,000 ACE study participants:

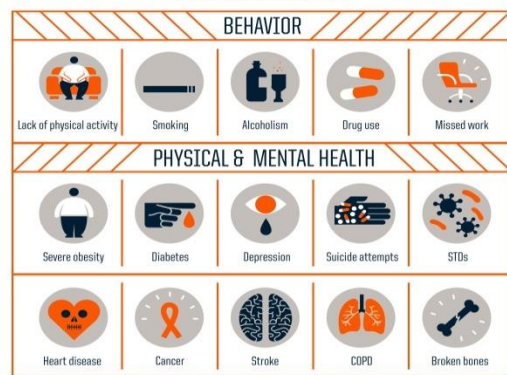


WHAT IMPACT DO ACEs HAVE?

As the number of ACEs increases, so does the risk for negative health outcomes



Possible Risk Outcomes:



rwjf.org/aces

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation

*Source: <http://www.cdc.gov/ace/prevalence.htm>

Background

This report is submitted in compliance with the statutory requirements for a status report on evidence-based home visiting (TCA 68-1-125), Healthy Start (TCA 37-3-703), and the Nurse Home Visitor Program (TCA 68-1-2408). Additionally, this report provides a status report on the federal Maternal, Infant and Early Childhood Home Visiting Program and the state CHAD program as requested by the General Assembly in order to provide comprehensive information about all the home visiting programs administered by the Tennessee Department of Health.

TCA 68-1-125 requires the Tennessee Department of Health (TDH) to annually review and identify the research models upon which the home visiting services are based, to report on the outcomes of those who were served, and to identify and expand the number of evidence-based programs offered through TDH in the state. The statute further states TDH shall work in conjunction with the Tennessee Commission on Children and Youth (TCCY) and other experts to identify those programs that are evidence-based, research-based and theory-based and report such findings to the Governor and specific committees of the state legislature of each year.

TCA 37-3-703 established the Healthy Start Pilot Program based on the national model and states that the program must be implemented in ten (10) or more counties of the state. The program focuses on improving family functioning and eliminating abuse and neglect of infants and young children in families identified as high risk.

TCA 68-1-2404 established the Nurse Home Visitor Program based on the national evidence-based model known as the Nurse Family Partnership. Home visiting nurses enroll first time pregnant women for service prior to the 28th week of pregnancy and continue services up to the child's second birthday.

The federal Social Security Act, Title V, § 511(c) (42 U.S.C. § 711(c)) authorized the Maternal, Infant and Early Childhood Home Visiting (MIECHV) Program which is jointly administered by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) and the State of Tennessee. The purpose of this program is to (1) strengthen and improve the programs and activities carried out under Title V of the Social Security Act; (2) improve coordination of services for at-risk communities; and (3) identify and provide comprehensive services to improve outcomes for families who reside in at-risk communities. The statute reserves the majority of funding for the delivery of services through use of one or more evidence-based home visiting service delivery models. In addition, it supports continued innovation by allowing up to 25 percent of funding to be used for services that are promising approaches and do not yet qualify as evidence-based models.

Introduction to Home Visiting Programs in Tennessee

EBHV is a voluntary, in-home service for at-risk pregnant women and caregivers of infants and children up to age five (5). EBHV services help prevent child abuse and neglect, support positive parenting, improve maternal and child health, and promote child development and school readiness. EBHV can be cost-effective in the long term, with the largest benefits from reduced spending on government programs and increased individual earnings. (<https://mchb.hrsa.gov/sites/default/files/mchb/MaternalChildHealthInitiatives/HomeVisiting/pdf/programbrief.pdf>). A total of 2,914 families received services from one of the evidence-based or research-based home visiting programs administered by TDH during the period of July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020; including 28,909 EBHV home visits and 97 CHAD home visits.

Home visits may include:

- supporting preventive health and prenatal practices
- assisting mothers on how to breastfeed and care for their babies
- helping parents understand child development milestones and behaviors
- promoting parents' use of praise and other positive parenting techniques, and
- working with mothers to set goals for the future, continue their education, and find employment and child care solutions.

(<https://mchb.hrsa.gov/maternal-child-health-initiatives/home-visiting-overview>)

Both EBHV and CHAD programs were essential to the development of a new statewide model of care coordination, Community Health Access and Navigation in Tennessee or CHANT. CHANT represents the integration and streamlining of three public health programs, Help Us Grow Successfully (HUGS), Children's Special Services (CSS) and TennCare Kids Community Outreach with the goal of enhancing family-centered engagement, navigation of medical and social services referrals, and impacting pregnancy, child and maternal health outcomes. Care coordination addresses interrelated medical, social, developmental, behavioral, educational and financial needs to achieve optimal health and wellness outcomes.

TDH completed implementation of CHANT in all Tennessee counties by July 2019. The TDH Call Center conducts telephonic screening and assessment for medical and social needs of newborns. All eligible families are referred to available EBHV programs. Families who are not eligible or who decline EBHV services but who have additional needs are placed on care coordination pathways with their permission and are sent as referrals from the Call Center to local CHANT teams for navigation of services. CHAD referrals originating from the Department of Children's Services (DCS) are sent directly to local CHANT teams for screening, assessment and care coordination.

Each state county health department now incorporates the CHANT process for engaging the following target populations:

- Pregnant and Postpartum adolescents and women
- All children 0-21 years
- Children and Youth with Special Healthcare Needs (CYSHCN) (Birth – 21 years)

The priority population for EBHV services includes families with:

- Low income
- Pregnant women younger than age 21
- A history of child abuse or neglect, or have had interactions with child welfare services
- A history of substance abuse or need for substance abuse treatment
- Users of tobacco products in the home
- Children with developmental delays or disabilities and/or families that include individuals who are serving or have formerly served in the Armed Forces, including such families that have members of the Armed Forces who have had multiple deployments outside of the United States.

While both EBHV and CHANT provide home based visits, the programs differ in both intent and intensity. Each program has different service delivery models and enrollment criteria that are designed to result in different outcomes for participants. The model provided by CHAD/CHANT is evidence informed care coordination, while EBHV programs are evidence based and longer term. EBHV programs are most effective when families participate in the program for the model-recommended period, with services beginning prenatally or at birth.

TDH maintains strong interagency partnerships to further ensure all children in the state have the means to achieve optimal development and wellness via connection to numerous child and family services. TDH looks forward to continued success and collaboration with public and private partners to improve child health and well-being and provide needed supports to parents and caregivers to establish a healthy foundation for their children.

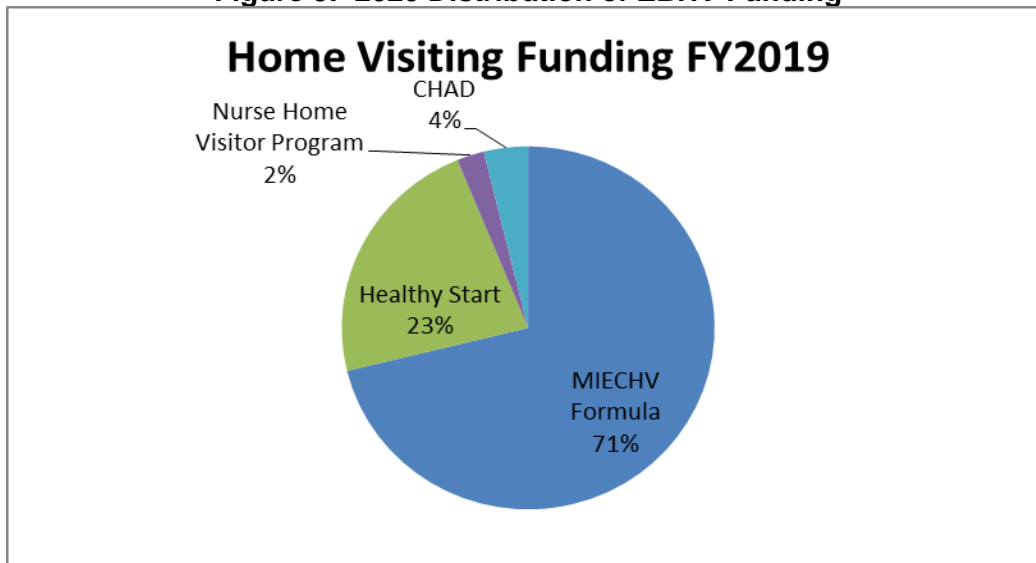
Home Visiting Funding in Tennessee

Figure 2: Home Visiting State Fiscal Year Funding SFY2020

	Funding Source	Recurring/Non-Recurring State Funding	Funding Amount
MIECHV	Federal	NA	\$9,846,841.00
Healthy Start	State	\$3,288,000.00 Recurring	\$3,288,000.00
Nurse Family Partnership	State	\$345,000.00 Recurring	\$679,100.00
CHAD	State	\$557,500.00 Recurring	\$557,500.00
Total	NA	Total State Recurring: \$4,190,500.00	TOTAL HOME VISITING FUNDING SFY2020: \$14,371,441.00

In Tennessee, home visiting programs are funded through both state and federal funds (Figure 2). Funding for State Fiscal Year 2020 includes state (Healthy Start, Nurse Home Visitor, and CHAD) and federal (MIECHV). MIECHV-funded direct service contracts total \$9,846,841.00 for the federal fiscal year period of October 1, 2019 - September 30, 2020. The total funding amount (both recurring state and federal funds) is \$14,371,441.00.

Figure 3: 2020 Distribution of EBHV Funding



Federal MIECHV funding sources provided 71% of all EBHV funding in SFY2020. (Figure 3) Federal MIECHV funds were re-authorized during FY2019 for an additional five years until 2023. State dollars for evidence-based home visiting have been restored to original funding amounts and are now recurring as of SFY2019. The state funding restoration that occurred in SFY2019 ensured that beneficial home visiting services were sustained and not disrupted for many high-risk families in Tennessee.

Home Visiting Services Administered by the Department of Health

The Tennessee Department of Health (TDH) has administered home visiting services since 1979. Subsequently, several home visiting programs have been established utilizing a variety of approaches to meet the unique needs of Tennessee communities.

The home visiting programs administered by TDH are categorized as evidence-based, promising approach, or a research-based approach.

Evidence-based: As defined in TCA 68-1-125 means the program or practice is governed by a program manual or protocol that specifies the nature, quality and amount of service that constitutes the program and scientific research using methods that meet high scientific standards, evaluated using either randomized controlled research designs, or quasi-experimental research designs with equivalent comparison groups. The effects of such programs must have demonstrated using two (2) or more separate client samples that the program improves client outcomes central to the purpose of the program. This aligns closely with how evidence-based is defined by the federal Social Security Act, Title V, § 511(c) (42 U.S.C. § 711(c)) which authorized the Maternal, Infant and Early Childhood Home Visiting Program.

Promising Approach: As defined by the federal Social Security Act, Title V, § 511(c) (42 U.S.C. § 711(c)) a program is a promising approach if it has little to no evidence of effectiveness or has evidence that does not meet the criteria for an evidence-based model. A “promising

approach” must be grounded in relevant empirical work and have an articulated theory of change. A “promising approach” must have been developed by or identified with a national organization or institution of higher education and must have developed an evaluation plan with a well-designed and rigorous plan to measure impacts.

Research-based: As defined in TCA 68-1-125 means a program or practice that has some research demonstrating effectiveness, but that does not yet meet the standard of evidence-based.

Within each of these three categories are a variety of models. Each of the models has a theory of change which specifies clearly identified outcomes and describes the activities that are related to those outcomes. The name, description and classification of the home visiting models implemented in Tennessee are as follows:

Model Name	Category	Model Description
Healthy Families America (HFA)	Evidence-based	HFA is designed to work with overburdened families who are at-risk for adverse childhood experiences, including child maltreatment. The model is best equipped to work with families who may have experienced trauma, intimate partner violence, poor mental health, or substance abuse diagnoses. HFA services begin prenatally or right after the birth of a baby and are offered voluntarily, intensively and long-term (3 to 5 years after the birth of the baby).
Nurse Family Partnership (NFP)	Evidence-based	NFP is designed to work with low-income women who are having their first babies. Each woman is enrolled prior to 28 weeks of pregnancy and paired with a nurse who provides her with weekly home visits throughout her pregnancy until her child's second birthday (recommended program length is prenatal – 2 years). The program's main goals are to improve pregnancy outcomes, children's health and development and women's personal health and economic self-sufficiency.
Parents as Teachers (PAT)	Evidence-based	PAT is designed to provide parents with child development knowledge and parenting support, provide early detection of developmental delays and health issues, prevent child abuse and neglect, and increase children's school readiness. Services include one-on-one home visits, monthly group meetings, developmental screenings, and a resource network for families. The recommended program length is at least 2 years between pregnancy and kindergarten.
Maternal Infant Health Outreach Worker (MIHOW)	Promising Approach	MIHOW trains peer mentors that reflect the culture of the families served. They support women during pregnancy to become physically, mentally, and emotionally healthy for their baby's arrival. Once the baby is born, these MIHOW outreach workers focus on promoting positive parent-child interactions and establishing a safe, stable, nurturing environment. The recommended program length is prenatal to 3 years.
Child Health and Development (CHAD)	Research-based	CHAD specifically refers to families that have been referred to the CHANT pathway by the Department of Children's Services (DCS). CHANT is the merging of CHAD, Help Us Grow Successfully (HUGS), Children's Special Services (CSS) and TennCare Kids Community

		Outreach into one service framework to streamline services to provide enhanced patient-centered engagement and navigation of medical and social services referrals.
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Per TCA 68-1-125, TDH and any other state agency administering funds for home visiting programs must ensure that 75 percent of the funds expended are used for evidence-based models.

The preponderance of funds expended in SFY2020 was used for evidence-based models. The following section provides a description of each funding source as well as Enrollment and Service Provision for each of the federal and state funded evidence-based and research-based home visiting programs administered by TDH during SFY2020 (July 1, 2019 - June 30, 2020).

Funding Source: Maternal, Infant, Early Childhood Home Visiting (MIECHV), Federal					
Description: The Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting (MIECHV) Program is federal funding provided to states through formula and competitive grants. MIECHV funding is now combined into one competitive grant. The MIECHV program provides services in 32 counties through nine community-based agencies and staff employed by those agencies. Funding allocations are used to implement evidence-based home visiting programs in the most at-risk communities, further strengthening the early childhood system. In 2010, Tennessee completed statewide needs assessment related to home visiting services and used the information to develop an initial State Plan for expansion of home visitation services. An updated 2019 needs assessment was completed. The updated 2019 needs assessment did not result in a redistribution of funding or reorganization of services.					
Three evidence-based home visiting models are implemented in Tennessee: Healthy Families America, Parents as Teachers, and Nurse Family Partnership models. Military families represent one priority population in the legislation, thus one additionally funded project specifically targets military families that live off base in Montgomery County, Tennessee, where the Fort Campbell Army Installation is located.					
The annual average cost per child for programs funded by MIECHV funding is \$4,703.					
MIECHV Federal Grant, during State Fiscal Year July 1, 2019 - June 30, 2020					
Local Implementing Agency	Evidence-Based or Promising Approach Model	At-Risk County	Number of Families Served July 1, 2019- June 30, 2020	Number of Home Visits	Annual Cost Per Child*
Helen Ross McNabb	Healthy Families America	Campbell	65	2387	\$4,366.00
		Cocke	28		
		Jefferson	1		
		Knox	64		
		Sevier	35		
		H.R. McNabb total	193		
Prevent Child Abuse Tennessee	Healthy Families America	Bradley	1	2852	\$7,748.00
		Claiborne	10		
		Davidson	152		
		Grundy	20		
		Hamilton	24		
		Johnson	15		
		Marion	6		
		McMinn	19		
		Monroe	19		
		Polk	2		
		Rhea	8		
		Scott	20		

		Sequatchie	7	780	\$6,522
		PCAT total	303		
		Hamilton	71		
Chattanooga-Hamilton County Health Department	Parents as Teachers	Chattanooga Hamilton total	71		
Centerstone	Healthy Families America	Coffee	68	2483	\$4,752
		Dickson	13		
		Franklin	4		
		Giles	1		
		Hickman	0		
		Lawrence	63		
		Lewis	0		
		Maury	51		
		Centerstone total	200		
Lebonheur Children's Hospital, Community Health and Well-Being	Healthy Families America, Nurse Family Partnership, & Parents as Teachers	Shelby	168 (HFA) 27 (NFP) 208 (PAT)	2429 (HFA) 108 (NFP) 1371 (PAT)	\$2,429 (HFA) \$2,103 (NFP) \$2,823 (PAT)
		Tipton (PAT only)	3		
		Lebonheur total	406		
Center for Family Development	Healthy Families America	Fort Campbell/Montgomery	152	1330	\$1,881
		Center for Family Dev'p total	152		
The Exchange Club/ Holland J Stephens Center for the Prevention of Child Abuse	Healthy Families America	Cumberland	19	472	\$7,900
		Dekalb	10		
		Putnam	1		
		Exchange Club total	30		
Jackson Madison County General Hospital	Healthy Families America	Hardeman	18	1650	\$5,146
		Hardin	13		
		Haywood	14		
		Henderson	16		
		Madison	65		
		Jackson-Madison total	126		
Knox County Health Department	Parents as Teachers	Knox	174 ¹	1676 ²	\$3,160
		Knox County Total	174		

¹ Number of families served by Knox County Health Department provided by their required report to Parents as Teachers.

² Number of home visits served by Knox County Health Department provided by their required report to Parents as Teachers.

Sullivan County Health Department	HFA	Sullivan			
		Sullivan County Total			
University of Tennessee (UT)-Martin	Healthy Families America	Dyer	34	677	\$7,716
		Henry	1		
		Lake	6		
		Lauderdale	14		
		UT Martin total	55		
		TOTALS	1,710 families served	19,541 home visits	\$4,703 average cost per family

Healthy Start aims to reduce or prevent child abuse and neglect in enrolled families. Legislatively mandated by the Tennessee Childhood Development Act of 1994 (TCA 37-3-703), the Healthy Start program provides services in **24** counties through nine community-based agencies and staff employed by those agencies. Healthy Start is an evidence-based program based on the Healthy Families America model. Individual HFA sites select the specific characteristics of the target population they plan to serve (such as first-time parents, parents on Medicaid, or parents within a specific geographic region); however, the HFA National Office requires that all families complete the Parent Survey (formerly the Kempe Family Stress Checklist), a comprehensive assessment to determine the presence of various factors associated with increased risk for child maltreatment or other adverse childhood experiences.

The annual average cost per child is **\$5,113.53**. Funds to support this program come from **State funds**. Healthy Start was funded in FY2020 with mostly recurring dollars.

Funding Source: Healthy Start, State					
Local Implementing Agency	Evidence-Based Model	At-Risk County	Number of Families Served July 1, 2019-June 30, 2020	Number of Home Visits	Annual Cost per Child*
Helen Ross McNabb	Healthy Families America	Cocke	0	1382	\$3,696
		Jefferson	14		
		Knox	81		
		Hamblen	5		
		Helen Ross McNabb Center total	100		
The Exchange Club/ Holland J Stephens Center for the Prevention of Child Abuse	Healthy Families America	Putnam	22	731	\$6,388
		White	15		
		Macon	15		
		Exchange Club total	52		
Jackson Madison County General Hospital	Healthy Families America	Madison	7	458	\$7,097
		Jackson Madison total	37		
Lebonheur Children's Hospital, Community Health and Well-Being	Healthy Families America	Shelby	66	878	\$5,126
		Lebonheur total	66		
Metro Government of Nashville & Davidson County	Healthy Families America	Davidson	58	593	\$5,610
		Metro Davidson total	58		
Center for Family Development	Healthy Families America	Bedford	26	1266	\$4,998
		Franklin	14		

Funding Source: Healthy Start, State					
		Lincoln	17		
		Marshall	12		
		Center for Family Development total	113		
UT Martin				910	\$5,498
		Henry	15		
		Obion	26		
		Tipton	15		
		UT Martin total	56		
Centerstone	Healthy Families America	Giles	40	988	\$4,971
		Hickman	23		
		Lewis	22		
		Centerstone total	85		
Prevent Child Abuse Tennessee	Healthy Families America	Anderson	32	654	\$4,799
		Bradley	22		
		Hamilton	15		
		Union	6		
		McMinn	1		
		Prevent Child Abuse Tennessee total	76		
		Totals	643 families served	7,860 home visits	\$5,113.53 average cost per family

Funding Source: Nurse Home Visitor, State

TCA 68-1-2404 designates TDH as the responsible agency for establishing, monitoring and reporting on the Nurse Home Visitor Program funded through a state appropriation. This state law requires the replication of the national evidence-based Nurse Family Partnership model with the goal of expanding the program as funds become available. The goals of the Nurse Family Partnership Program are to improve pregnancy outcomes, improve child health and development and improve the economic self-sufficiency of the family by helping parents develop a vision for their own future, plan future pregnancies, continue their education and find work. The Nurse Home Visitor Program, implemented locally by Le Bonheur Children's Hospital in Memphis, began seeing families in June 2010 after staff were hired and trained. In FY2020, home visiting nurses provided services to low-income, first time mothers who are enrolled before 28 weeks of pregnancy and serve them through the child's second birthday.

The annual average cost per child is \$4,851. Funds to support this program come from State funds.

Local Implementing Agency	Evidence-Based Model	At-Risk County	Number of Families Served July 1, 2019- June 30, 2020	Number of Home Visits	Annual Cost per Child*
Lebonheur Children's Hospital, Community Health and Well-Being	Nurse Family Partnership	Shelby	140	1508	\$4,851
		Totals	140 families served	1505 home visits	\$4,851 average cost per family

Funding Source: Child Health and Development (CHAD), State

The Child Health and Development (CHAD) program, the oldest home visiting program implemented by TDH, is designed to: 1) enhance physical, social, emotional, and intellectual development of the child; 2) educate parents in positive parenting skills; and 3) prevent child abuse and neglect. The program is offered in 22 counties in Northeast and East Tennessee through local public health departments as a part of the CHANT pathway and is staffed by health department CHANT employees. CHAD began as a research-based model based on the Demonstration and Research Center for Early Education model developed by Peabody College. All families can receive services from the birth of a child until the child turns 6 years of age.

The annual average cost per family is \$521.44. Funds to support this program come from State funds.

Local Implementing Agency	Research-Based Model	At-Risk County	Number of Families Served July 1, 2019- June 30, 2020	Number of Home Visits	Annual Cost per Child*
Anderson	Child Health and Development	Anderson	5	1	Annual cost per child is estimated utilizing the SFY2020 state allocation divided by the total numbers served statewide. As such, county specific cost per child is not available.
Blount	Child Health and Development	Blount	4		
Campbell	Child Health and Development	Campbell	16	4	
Carter	Child Health and Development	Carter	51	12	
Claiborne	Child Health and Development	Claiborne	6		
Cocke	Child Health and Development	Cocke	16	3	
Davidson	Child Health and Development	Davidson	1		
Grainger	Child Health and Development	Grainger	1		
Greene	Child Health and Development	Greene	78	41	
Hamblen	Child Health and Development	Hamblen	13		
Hancock	Child Health and Development	Hancock	13		
Hawkins	Child Health and Development	Hawkins	67		
Jefferson	Child Health and Development	Jefferson	2		
Johnson	Child Health and Development	Johnson	21	7	
Loudon	Child Health and Development	Loudon	2		
Roane	Child Health and Development	Roane	27		
Scott	Child Health and Development	Scott	3		
Sevier	Child Health and Development	Sevier	25	1	
Shelby	Child Health and Development	Shelby	1		
Unicoi	Child Health and Development	Unicoi	19	15	
Union	Child Health and Development	Union	1		
Washington	Child Health and Development	Washington	49	13	
		Totals	421	97	

*Average cost per child was calculated by dividing the agency's budget by the number served during the state contract period.

Total Number of Local Implementing Agencies	Categories and Models	Total Number of Counties With a Home Visiting Program	Number of Families Served July 1, 2019- June 30, 2020	Total Number of Home Visits
34	Evidence-based Programs: -Healthy Families America -Nurse Family Partnership -Parents as Teachers Research-based Programs: -Child Health and Development (CHAD)	61	2914 families	29,006 home visits (28,909 EBHV home visits + 97)

Home Visiting Impact: Outcomes of Promising Approaches

A promising approach does not yet meet the rigorous criteria for evidence-based models but is grounded in relevant empirical work and has an articulated theory of change. The Maternal Infant Health Outreach Worker (MIHOW) program is the Promising Approach delivered in Tennessee. MIHOW is delivered in Tennessee through a partnership between Vanderbilt University and Catholic Charities of Tennessee. The goal of the MIHOW Program is to improve maternal and child health outcomes through a strength-based approach via home visiting. MIHOW trains peer mentors that reflect the culture of the families served. They support women during pregnancy to become physically, mentally, and emotionally healthy for their baby's arrival. Once the baby is born, these MIHOW outreach workers focus on promoting positive parent-child interactions and establishing a safe, stable, nurturing environment.

A recent randomized clinical trial (RCT) to assess the efficacy of MIHOW in a sample of women in Tennessee supported most study hypotheses, providing strong evidence of the effectiveness of MIHOW on improving health outcomes in the areas of depressive symptoms, parenting stress, breastfeeding, safe sleep practices, early literacy, and quality and quantity of stimulation and support available to the child. Study results were published in the *Maternal and Child Health Journal* (<https://doi.org/10.1007/s10995-018-2532-z>).

A subsequent RCT to replicate and extend our previous evaluation of the efficacy of the MIHOW Program is in process with a broader sample of women in Tennessee began in October 2017. Thus far, the study has recruited 132 women during pregnancy from 4 counties in middle Tennessee. Researchers selected outcomes that are included in four of the eight domains identified by the HomVEE team and relevant to MIHOW program priorities – child health, maternal health, positive parenting, and linkages and referrals. Data is collected at eight time points – twice during pregnancy and six times postpartum, until the baby reaches 15 months. All prenatal data has been collected. Analysis of baseline and prenatal data is underway and the final evaluation is projected to be concluded December, 2020.

Home Visiting Impact: Outcomes

The types of outcomes measured vary across the three evidence-based home visiting programs delivered in Tennessee based upon specific statutory or fidelity requirements of the models. To align the expected outcomes, TDH requires all evidence-based programs to collect and report the same information based on Tennessee's Benchmark Plan. The federal legislation that created the Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting (MIECHV) program required TDH to develop a comprehensive Benchmark Plan and demonstrate measurable improvement among families enrolled in EBHV programs in at least four of the six following benchmark areas:

1. Improvements in prenatal, maternal and newborn health, including improved pregnancy outcomes
2. Improvements in child health and development (including the prevention of child injuries and maltreatment) and improvements in cognitive, language, social-emotional and physical developmental indicators
3. Improvements in school readiness and child academic achievement
4. Reductions in domestic violence
5. Improvements in family economic self-sufficiency

6. Improvements in the coordination of referrals for, and the provision of, other community resources and supports for eligible families, consistent with State child welfare agency training

Measure	MIECHV	Healthy Start	State NFP	Highlights
Breastfeeding Initiation	71%	71%	73%	The percentage of new mothers initiating breastfeeding varied somewhat by funding stream. Initiation is slightly higher among mothers served by Nurse Family Partnership, as women are enrolled much earlier in pregnancy and are able to receive more education and encouragement from a nurse.
Percentage of infants breastfeeding at 6 months, among those who initiated breastfeeding	39%	33%	17%	The percentage of infants receiving any breastmilk at 6 months varied, and is most likely affected by small numbers.
Percentage of parents of infants less than 12 months of age using safe sleep practices (put to sleep on back, alone in crib, with no soft bedding)	66%	62%	56%	Measure reports parents using all safe sleep practices.
Percentage of caregivers with a positive Intimate Partner Violence Screen who received a referral	91%	90%	100%	Home visiting participants are screened for a variety of health and safety concerns. When indicated, they are linked to the appropriate services.
Percentage of caregivers with a positive depression screening who received a referral	97%	90.30%	No positive screens	
Percentage of newly enrolled caregivers with tobacco use at enrollment receiving a tobacco cessation referral or information	99%	98%	No positive screens	

It is important to note that the data collected through this effort is performance management and quality data rather than impact data. The benchmark data allows TDH to monitor and assess progress over time. However, it does not report on the effectiveness of the program in achieving its ultimate intended outcomes. A separate effort at the federal level, the “Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting Program Evaluation” (MIHOPE), is assessing the effect of

MIECHV programs on child and parent outcomes, including with respect to each of the benchmark areas. MIHOPE found positive effects across multiple outcome areas through the time children were about 15 months old ([A Summary of Results from the MIHOPE and MIHOPE-Strong Start Studies Of Evidence-Based Home Visiting | The Administration for Children and Families \(hhs.gov\)](#)).

Healthy Start Outcomes

In accordance with TCA 37-3-703(d), (1)(2)(3)(6), the following additional information about Healthy Start is provided thru SFY20.

Immunizations

82.5% of children enrolled in Healthy Start are up to date with immunizations at 2 years old compared to the state average of 76.6% in 2019.³

Subsequent Pregnancies

There were no subsequent pregnancies in less than 12 months.

Child Abuse and Neglect

Percent of Children Free of Abuse/ Neglect and Remaining in Home For Each of the Past Nine Years	
Fiscal Year	% of children
2012	98.7%
2013	98.6%
2014	98.4%
2015	100%
2016	100%
2017	100%
2018	99.3%
2019	99%
2020	99.2%

Cost Benefits Estimate for Healthy Start

In accordance with TCA 37-3-703(d)(4)(5), the following information is provided about the average cost of services provided by Healthy Start and the estimated cost of out-of-home placement that would have been expended on behalf of children who remain united with their families as a result of participation in Healthy Start. As shown below, the cost for providing Healthy Start and preventing child abuse and neglect is dramatically lower than the cost of children coming into custody.

Average Annual Cost per Child <i>Healthy Start Program</i>	\$5,113.53
Average Estimated Annual Cost per Child <i>Out of Home Placement: Foster Care, Department of Children's Services</i>	\$10,242.00 ⁴
Average Estimated Annual Cost per Child <i>Out-of-Home Placement: Residential Care, Department of Children's Services</i>	\$76,955.00 ⁵

³ Results of the 1029 Immunization Status Survey of 24 Month Old Children in Tennessee

https://www.tn.gov/content/dam/tn/health/documents/annual-reports/ImmunizationsReport-24MOS_2019.pdf

⁴ Tennessee Department of Children's Services, \$28.06 per day per child or \$10,242.00 per year

⁵ Tennessee Department of Children's Services, \$210.84 per day per child or \$76,955.00 per year

Strengths and Opportunities Related to Home Visiting Services

Availability of Home Visiting Services

All TDH-administered home visiting programs are:

- Locally managed – each local implementing agency chooses the home visiting model that best meets the needs of its own at-risk community and provides the home visiting services to families in their own communities; and
- Voluntary – families choose to participate and can leave the program at any time.

TDH currently governs home visiting programs in 61 counties across the state by means of service contracts with local community-based agencies and county and regional health departments. 2,914 families were served by TDH-administered home visiting programs during SFY20. The capacity to serve eligible families varies in the counties where services are available. There also continues to be a need for EBHV services in the remaining 33 counties that do not receive services. Currently there are approximately 47,796 families in need of EBHV services that do not receive services (see Appendix). Many of these families live in counties that do not have EBHV services. The opportunity remains to expand EBHV programs to currently unserved counties and to expand capacity in counties that do have EBHV services.

The 2019 Kids Count Data Book reports that Tennessee ranks 36th in the Nation for overall child well-being. The Data Book includes the following key statistics:

- 21% of children in Tennessee live in poverty
- 28% of children in Tennessee live in homes where their parents lack secure employment
- 7% of Tennessee teens are not in school and not working
- 9.2% of births in Tennessee are low birth-weight
- 37% of children live in single parent families

(https://www.aecf.org/m/databook/2019KC_profile_TN.pdf)

As noted previously, EBHV services have a positive impact on many of the outcomes associated with the above statistics. Parental stress resulting from a lack of resources further compounds any toxic stress that may be experienced by children and families with greatest need. Accessing EBHV services provides opportunities for families to be connected to community services that address health and wellness needs, provide guidance on how best to support their child's health and development, as well as take action toward improving their economic opportunities. EBHV services help prevent child abuse and neglect, support positive parenting, improve maternal and child health, and promote child development and school readiness. EBHV can be cost-effective in the long term, with the largest benefits from reduced spending on government programs and increased individual earnings.

(<https://mchb.hrsa.gov/sites/default/files/mchb/MaternalChildHealthInitiatives/HomeVisiting/pdf/pogrambrief.pdf>)

Collaboration between Public and Private Sector Stakeholders

One of the central goals of the federal Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting (MIECHV) funding is to improve coordination among early childhood agencies and increase referrals to other community resources and supports, thus improving access to needed services. Tennessee maintains collaboration with other child and family-serving state agencies and community partners. The Tennessee Young Child Wellness Council (TNYCWC) is a statewide, early childhood entity designated as the Governor's Early Childhood Advisory Council. Since September 2018, TDH has partnered with the Tennessee Commission on Children and Youth (TCCY) to convene the TNYCWC. The TNYCWC consists of over 100 statewide partners, agencies and organizations, and serves as a sustainable state-level structure that focuses on pregnancy, infancy and early childhood and the relationship between early experience, brain development and long-term health and developmental outcomes. The TNYCWC strives to increase multi-agency collaboration and coordination toward improved services and data sharing among the various infant and early childhood-serving agencies, organizations, providers and other pertinent partnerships. The TNYCWC also serves as the Advisory Council for MIECHV.

The TNYCWC provides an opportunity for infant and early childhood state agencies and community stakeholders to collaborate and share expertise around a common agenda and shared goals. Strategies are collaboratively developed and informed by all involved to ensure a comprehensive action plan. TNYCWC completed a new strategic plan and identified updated strategic goals for the Council across sectors and the state.

TDH continues to partner with TCCY to convene the Home Visiting Leadership Alliance (HVLA). HVLA partners include leadership from evidence-based home visiting programs in Tennessee, state departments and other early childhood stakeholders from across the state. The HVLA is co-chaired by TDH and TCCY and provides an opportunity for networking, information sharing, collaborating, training and professional development for Evidence Based Home Visiting leadership and programs. The HVLA membership identified workforce development and capacity and retention as priority topics late in 2019, however with the emergence of COVID-19, the group has temporarily shifted focus to address the immediate needs and priorities of home visiting programs.

TCCY continues to provide "Train the Trainer" opportunities across the state for Building Strong Brains Tennessee (BSB). Training participants are prepared to speak knowledgeably about early childhood and brain development and ACEs. The Training for Trainers is a key component of the public awareness efforts for BSB. To date, 1,150 geographic and sector diverse participants have become trainers. These individuals have subsequently presented to over 60,000 people. TCCY is in its second year of the BSB TN social media campaign guided by technical assistance from the FrameWorks Institute. Additionally, TCCY continues to provide technical assistance through the BSB Learning Collaborative. TCCY also convened a group of partners from across sectors to drive the content of a BSB TN Lunch and Learn series held virtually for audiences in Tennessee and beyond. The series included eight events with topics ranging from Resilience to Supporting Food Insecure Families.

Data Collection for Program Evaluation and Continuous Quality Improvement

TDH applies quality improvement best practices to ensure effective and appropriate services are provided to families enrolled in Evidence Based Home Visiting programming. Performance management strategies are a part of CQI efforts through partnership with Local Implementing Agencies (LIAs). Each LIA has a designated CQI Champion who participates in CQI projects

implemented by the Early Childhood Initiatives team CQI epidemiologist on behalf of the LIA. Foci for CQI projects are identified by upward or downward trend data among families served. Past CQI projects include family retention in programming and tobacco cessation among enrolled caregivers.

Welcome Baby

Federal MIECHV funding continues to support the Welcome Baby program, a universal outreach and education program to assure that families of newborns are aware of available community programs and educated on health, safety, and development. All families of newborns receive a Welcome Baby booklet within ten to fourteen days after birth. The booklet is designed to welcome the new baby and provide new parents with the message that the first few years of a child's life are very important, parenting is not always easy, and resources are available that provide extra support to families.

The Welcome Baby booklet shares information about health and safety messages such as the ABCs of Safe Sleep and protecting a child from toxic stress as well as two resources unique to Tennessee: Imagination Library/Books from Birth and kidcentraltn.com. Imagination Library/Books from Birth is a Tennessee program that provides a book each month from birth to age 5 at no cost to the family. Enrollment has been proven to improve kindergarten readiness and home reading practices, including time spent reading with children and children's interest in books. Kidcentraltn.com was launched July 15, 2013. This resource provides comprehensive information on a variety of health, development, education and support topics, and a wide-ranging resource inventory of state-funded and operated community-based programs and services. Kidcentraltn.com is administered by TCCY.

Challenges

SFY2020 presented a new set of challenges resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic. TDH staff made the change in early March, 2020 to implement Alternative Workspace Solutions, or AWS, with program staff. Home visiting LIAs made implementation adjustments and home visitors began to provide virtual home visits in March, 2020. According to data, virtual home visits have not decreased family retention or capacity in EBHV programs. TDH has continued to provide support to EBHV and CHANT implementing agencies and health departments via virtual meetings and conference calls at the same frequency as prior to the pandemic.

An ongoing challenge of EBHV programs is staff retention. It takes approximately 6 (six)-months to hire and train a new home visitor due to the intensity of the training provided to ensure home visitors are equipped to work with families that often have a myriad of complex issues. Many of the parents/caregivers served have experienced multiple Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACES) and lack systemic supports. As EBHV is a relationship-based program, the length of family retention is impacted by staff retention. Home visitors frequently experience secondary trauma as a result of working closely with families who have experienced trauma. This ongoing stress, along with minimal opportunities for wage increases contribute to high turnover rates in home visiting positions. Families that have built relationships often do not want to begin the relationship-building process with a new home visitor, so they exit services; thus, family retention and staff retention are frequently connected. Family and staff retention impact overall cost per family in programs.

In Conclusion

Despite the challenges that arose from the COVID-19 pandemic, Tennessee continues to provide high quality home visiting services to families, work to mitigate the impact of ACEs, and maintain strong community partnerships with state agencies and early childhood stakeholders. As noted previously, ACEs are highly prevalent in Tennessee, putting our residents at increased risk of chronic health conditions and diseases in adulthood, alcohol and drug abuse, unintended pregnancy, and other negative health outcomes throughout the lifespan. Safe and nurturing relationships serve as protective factors in a child's life to mitigate the impact of ACEs when they are more likely to be hard wired. Home visiting programs provide education, support and referral to community resources to parents and caregivers to create the opportunity to build healthy and strong families, and thus create a healthy Tennessee both now and in the future. Evidence Based Home Visiting (EBHV) is a key service known to prevent and mitigate the impact of ACEs. It is an upstream intervention to minimize and diminish the long term impacts of ACEs.

To conserve health and vitality for the future of Tennessee, investments must be made in infancy and early childhood when children's brains can be most impacted. Home visiting services are essential in this effect. TDH and its partners have improved the quality of EBHV services provided to Tennessee families and appreciates the ongoing commitment of the Governor and General Assembly to provide critical support to families when it is most needed and in a manner that is most effective.

**Appendix: Number of Families Served by
Evidence-Based Home Visiting Programs by County,
July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2020****

COUNTY	MIECHV (Families served)	HEALTHY START (Families served)	NURSE HOME VISITOR PROGRAM (Pregnant women served)	TOTALS SERVED BY COUNTY	NUMBER OF FAMILIES IN NEED OF HOME VISITING SERVICES	PERCENT OF ELIGIBLE FAMILIES SERVED BY EBHV SERVICES
Anderson	*	33	*	33	259	13.5%
Bedford	7	27	*	34	501	3.8%
Benton	*	*	*	0	228	*
Bledsoe	*	*	*	0	52	*
Blount	*	*	*	0	397	*
Bradley	*	26	*	26	1,607	1.1%
Campbell	67	*	*	67	602	10.8%
Cannon	*	*	*	0	146	*
Carroll	*	*	*	0	402	*
Carter	*	*	*	0	645	*
Cheatham	*	*	*	0	299	*
Chester	*	*	*	0	217	*
Claiborne	10	*	*	10	481	3.3%
Clay	*	*	*	0	60	*
Cocke	28	0	*	28	255	12.5%
Coffee	73	*	*	73	66	87.9%
Crockett	*	*	*	0	116	*
Cumberland	19	1	*	20	370	4.6%
Davidson	167	58	*	225	4,270	4.9%
Decatur	*	0	*	0	42	*
Dekalb	10	*	*	10	202	2.5%
Dickson	14	*	*	14	391	4.1%
Dyer	35	0	*	35	303	11.9%
Fayette	*	*	*	0	378	*
Fentress	*	*	*	0	113	*
Franklin	*	13	*	13	50	26%
Gibson	*	*	*	0	398	*
Giles	1	40	*	41	354	8.2%
Grainger	*	*	*	0	167	*
Greene	*	*	*	0	782	*
Grundy	20	*	*	20	47	34%
Hamblen	0	5	*	5	461	0.2%
Hamilton	95	15	*	110	1,404	6.9%

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Hancock	*	*	*	0	99	*
Hardeman	19	*	*	19	91	19.8%
Hardin	13	*	*	13	92	15.2%
Hawkins	*	*	*	0	701	*
Haywood	18	*	*	18	64	20.3%
Henderson	16	*	*	16	100	23%
Henry	1	15	*	16	463	2.2%
Hickman	1	23	*	24	182	9.9%
Houston	*	*	*	0	117	*
Humphreys	*	*	*	0	264	*
Jackson	*	*	*	0	90	*
Jefferson	1	14	*	15	190	8.9%
Johnson	15	*	*	15	203	6.4%
Knox	62	82	*	144	3,087	3.3%
Lake	7	*	*	7	61	19.7%
Lauderdale	12	*	*	12	256	7%
Lawrence	63	*	*	63	520	11.3%
Lewis	0	22	*	22	143	14%
Lincoln	0	16	*	16	41	43.9%
Loudon	*	*	*	0	523	*
Macon	0	17	*	17	244	7.4%
Madison	73	39	*	112	1,212	9.1%
Marion	6	*	*	6	100	10%
Marshall	0	13	*	13	337	4.5%
Maury	50	*	*	50	950	4.6%
McMinn	20	*	*	20	814	2.6%
McNairy	*	*	*	0	93	*
Meigs	*	*	*	0	42	*
Monroe	19	*	*	19	468	2.1%
Montgomery	108	44	*	152	1,045	14.3%
Moore	*	*	*	0	8	*
Morgan	*	0	*	0	326	*
Obion	*	26	*	26	246	8.9%
Overton	*	*	*	0	172	*
Perry	*	*	*	0	96	*
Pickett	*	*	*	0	40	*

COUNTY	MIECHV (Families served)	HEALTHY START (Families served)	NURSE HOME VISITOR PROGRAM (Pregnant women served)	TOTALS SERVED BY COUNTY	NUMBER OF FAMILIES IN NEED OF HOME VISITING SERVICES	PERCENT OF ELIGIBLE FAMILIES SERVED BY EBHV SERVICES
Polk	2	*	*	2	257	1.6%
Putnam	1	21	*	22	593	3.2%
Rhea	10	*	*	10	114	8.8%
Roane	*	*	*	0	539	*
Robertson	*	*	*	0	519	*
Rutherford	*	*	*	0	1,872	*
Scott	20	*	*	20	333	5.7%
Sequatchie	7	*	*	7	52	19.2%
Sevier	37	*	*	37	343	12.5%
Shelby	415	66	140	621	8,642	6.4%
Smith	*	*	*	0	202	*
Stewart	*	*	*	0	70	*
Sullivan	*	*	*	0	729	*
Sumner	*	*	*	0	279	*
Tipton	0	15	*	15	585	2.7%
Trousdale	*	*	*	0	86	*
Unicoi	*	*	*	0	202	*
Union	*	6	*	6	65	7.7%
Van Buren	*	*	*	0	36	*
Warren	*	*	*	0	422	*
Washington	*	*	*	0	474	*
Wayne	*	*	*	0	201	*
Weakley	*	*	*	0	480	*
White	*	17	*	17	168	9.5%
Williamson	*	*	*	0	265	*
Wilson	*	*	*	0	723	*
TOTAL SERVED	1542	654	140	2336	47,796 FAMILIES IN NEED OF EBHV SERVICES	4.5% OF ELIGIBLE FAMILIES IN TN SERVED BY EBHV SERVICES

* Program is not available in county

**This table reports the number of families served by EBHV and does not include the 433 families served by the research-based model CHAD, that is now included in CHANT.

***Methodology for the “estimated number of children eligible for evidence based home visiting that do not receive services”:

Number of families likely to be eligible for EBHV services (Data Source: ACS 2017 1-Yr PIMS Data)

- Number of families likely to be eligible for MIECHV services is based on the below criteria:

- *Number of families with children under the age of 6 living below 100% of the poverty line and the number of families in poverty with a child under the age of 1 (one) and no other children under the age of 6 (six) [a proxy for families with a pregnant woman that would also be eligible for EBHV services].*
AND
- *Belongs to 1 (one) or more of the following at-risk sub-populations:*
 - *Mothers with low education (high school diploma or less).*
 - *Young mothers under the age of 21.*
 - *Families with an infant [child under the age of 1 (one)].*

(Analysis includes primary families and unrelated sub-families living in the same household).

The method to define need is the number of families who are in poverty and meet one additional risk factor. Our analysis begins by identifying all families (primary families and unrelated sub-families) with children under the age of six, living below 100% of the poverty line. Families were then identified facing other risk factors that relate to the statutory definition or risk and are available in Child Protective Services (CPS) data (mothers with low education – a proxy for poor education outcomes, young mothers under the age of 21, and families with an infant). The populations (e.g., low income, low maternal education, and young mothers) were chosen because they are linked with negative maternal and child health outcomes such as low birth weight, child injury, child maltreatment, school readiness disparities, etc.